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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHAPEL

Know Christ...Make Him Known Rev. Weston Wildauer, Pastor: 270-6925 Church Office: 335-3974 Website: www.gslccape.org

WELCOME...to all who worship with us this morning, especially our guests. What a joy it is to worship Jesus as members of His Family! Please separate the attendance/prayer request slip and pass any prayer requests to the center aisles where the ushers will collect them.

AS WE GATHER...The Good News of God's grace transforms lives. First it gives us the assurance of God's love and forgiveness. Having freed us from having to worry about our relationship with God, we are now free to care and serve our neighbor. In our worship today, we consider God's will that we live "worthy of the Lord."

WELCOME

SILENCE to prepare our hearts

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care. In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray. You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will; Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We take this time now to do some self-reflection. We need to ask ourselves, "How am I doing inside?" We all have areas in our lives where sin's power seeks to lead us away from God. Now is a good time to be honest with ourselves and own up to the sinful thoughts, attitudes, actions, reactions, and the omissions that have kept us from being the faithful disciples God desires us to be in Christ. Let's confess now in silence and come to repentance.

(A time of personal reflection and confession)

- C: We confess to You that we have not lived our lives in accordance with Your Word and Your desires for us. We have given You only a part of ourselves in service and worship and have let other things take our attention away from that which is most important. Forgive us, Lord, for not always striving toward a higher level of Christian maturity. Forgive us, Lord, for not letting our lights shine over the darkness of this world. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, to whom we look for grace.
- P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, be confident in the promise from our Lord that your sins are forgiven. This gift of grace was clearly shown on the cross when Christ shed his blood for the world. Hear this promise today. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord, shape and mold us for use in Your Kingdom. Help us make a priority of studying Your Word, serving others, and reflecting Your love and grace wherever we go. We know that one day we will be at the gates of heaven, and we yearn to be ready to meet You face to face through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

FIRST LESSON:

Ezekial 34: 11-24

¹¹ "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will

feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. 17 "'As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. 18 Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? ¹⁹ Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet? 20 "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, 22 I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. 24 I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

SECOND LESSON:

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 15: 1-10

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors

together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. ⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

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C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 vs 1,3,4,7

Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander! Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh; Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.

I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

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MESSAGE: Lost and Found

OFFERING: (As the offering is received, take this time to meditate on today's message and how God would have you apply it to your life and respond to it.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

+ The Lord's Supper +

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WE PREPARE

P: We praise You, Almighty God, for You have poured out Your gifts upon creation. You spoke Your Word like fire and kindled faith among Your people. You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be the Author and Perfecter of the faith. He endured the cross, scorning its shame, for the joy of being obedient unto You. Here and now we celebrate Your gifts to us, and we receive Your grace in the body and blood of Your Son, in, with and under these forms of bread and wine.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION: As we celebrate Holy Communion, we will sing the following hymns:

"The King Of Love My Shepherd Is"

LSB 709

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

"AMAZING GRACE LSB 744

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace.

C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Glory Be to God the Father"

LSB 506

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory While eternal ages run! Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings; Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings. Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

Serving In His Worship

Sunday 09/14	8:00 worship	10:30 worship
Deacon	Brian Kirn	Dale Clarke
Musicians	Joyce Macke	Praise
Greeters	Joan Foust	Vince & Cindy Glueck
Readers	Barbara Powell	Tim Morgan
Communion Prep	Joyce Macke	Barb Morgan
A/V Tech	Zack Kuehn	Ryan Payne
Live Stream Tech	H.W Myer	n/a
Ushers	Dale Bremmer	Mike Hartle
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TO ALL WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

When Jesus said – "This is My Body...this is My Blood" – He really meant it. We believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. Jesus is present with His Body and Blood, given to us in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. It is an act of His love, which we don't deserve, we cannot explain, nor even understand. It is the request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us share our faith. As we participate, we follow Scripture's instruction to – "examine yourself," using the questions below. We also believe Scripture's instruction to be in unity with our brother.

- Do I believe that I have come short of God's expectations, and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus, my Savior and Lord, forgives me?
- Will I, with a grateful heart, and in loving obedience, allow God's Holy Spirit to improve my attitudes, and empower me to live for Him?
- Do I share the confession and therefore unity with this congregation?

If you answer "No" to any question or if it is your first time at Good Shepherd or if you have any additional questions, please speak with the Pastor.

If you wish to commune, please check the box next to your name on the attendance card and place it in the offering plates.

When you are ushered to the front for communion, you are welcome to either kneel or stand. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available to those that for health reasons cannot have wheat wafers and/or wine.